

FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Dr Nikki Brockhurst	Yes	No	No	Paragraph, Policy	Proposed Developments in Thrussington ? HA67 and HA68	Proposed Developments in Thrussington ? HA67 and HA68			

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
<p>I wish to raise strong objections about the Charnwood Borough Council Draft Local Plan, which proposes to develop areas HA67 and HA68 in Thrussington leading to the construction of 90 new houses, a near 40% increase in the number of dwellings. My objections are: Sustainability There is no bus service in Thrussington, which is a key element of Charnwood's Sustainability Assessment. Thrussington fails to meet other requirements including proximity to a convenience store and a GP surgery, which are both miles away. Will the village utility infrastructure cope with 90 extra houses? Character Thrussington is recognised for its historic nucleated form. Our forebears have maintained the cherished character of our village over centuries. The developments would adversely affect this and change the appearance of the village both internally, and when approaching from either north or east. Planning applications for the area of HA68 have failed for this reason before. Traffic There could be 180 more vehicles in the village and additional commercial vehicles would serve the developments. The roads are narrow and in the case of Old Gate Road by HA68, single track, with no suitable access to the nearby A46. Parking in the village often means there is only room for one car to pass at a time and obscured views around parked cars already makes driving difficult. More traffic would add further safety concerns. I understand no traffic assessment has occurred so safety, congestion and parking in the village, parish area and near the school have not been considered. Furthermore, with the majority of the proposed properties on Old Gate Road, most traffic will go via the A46 junction. This is a very dangerous junction that has already seen multiple serious accidents and the risk of this will only increase with more traffic. Environment The proposed developments take no notice of the wildlife corridors identified in the Village Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Charnwood Local Plan does not take this plan into account, even though it was adopted by the Borough Council in 2018. Thrussington is next to the River Wreake. In wet weather the water runoff that will occur from new developments draining to the river risks overloading the village watercourse system. This has happened before, causing flood damage to homes on The Green. Summary For the reasons outlined I consider the draft Charnwood Local Plan proposing developments on the sites of HA67 and HA 68 is UNSOUND and wish my objections to be heard at the Public Inquiry.</p>	<p>With reference to HA67 and HA68 in Thrussington I propose the following: - reduction of the number of proposed dwellings to 30 (for reasons listed above: specifically due to the impact on the environment and traffic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- redesign of the A46 road junction incorporating significantly improved safety measures - significantly improved road safety measures outside Thrussington Primary School</li><li>- Environmental impact assessment of new dwellings, specifically looking at flooding risk and also the wildlife corridors identified in the Village Neighbourhood plan</li><li>- restarting the local bus service</li><li>- direct funding for infrastructure to support new dwellings including broadband and healthcare</li><li>- strict planning conditions to maintain the character of the village (Charnwood is notoriously difficult to get any household improvements through planning, yet it appears happy to use GREEN FIELD sites rather than BROWN FIELD sites to build on, or encourage large builders to build on sites already approved - this seems illustrative of double standards and does not fit with the strong pro-environmental image Charnwood chooses to align itself with.)</li></ul>	<p>No</p>	